

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Agricultural Commissioner's Office

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN: N/A **Case No.:** N/A

Location: Throughout the County of Santa Barbara.

Project Title: Pierce's Disease Program Agreement 14-0192-SF

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Project Description: This is an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for funding the County Pierce's Disease Program for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project: Section 15378(b)(4)

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378(b)(4)- Creation of government funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is to create a government funding mechanism which would provide reimbursement for the cost of inspections arising from continuing activities in the existing Pierce's Disease program.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Cathleen Fisher Phone #: 805-681-5600

Department/Division Representative: Mary Ann Rajala Date: _____

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at Planning and Development six days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.